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A federal grand jury in Baltimore, Maryland, today indicted a West German citizen, charging him with conspiracy to export a microwave surveillance receiver system from the United States without the required export license and written approval from the State Department.

Attorney General William French Smith said a two-count indictment was returned in U.S. District Court in Baltimore. Indicted was <sup>O</sup>Valter Nast, of Hamburg, West Germany, currently a fugitive on a similar charge by a federal grand jury indictment in San Francisco. In the California case it was alleged that Nast entered the United States in 1975 under the alias "Paul Reimer" and conspired to export certain technical equipment without complying with American law.

The indictment returned today charges that Nast, conspired with Rolf Peter Herms, also a native of West Germany, to purchase the microwave surveillance receiver system from a Baltimore company and smuggle it out of the United States without obtaining the required approval from United States authorities.

According to the indictment, they were assisted in their plan by Werner Richard Peter Hilpert, a citizen residing in Princeton, New Jersey.

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